

**Remarks**

The applicant is grateful to the Examiner for indicating that currently pending claims 2 to 8 & 10 to 16 are allowed.

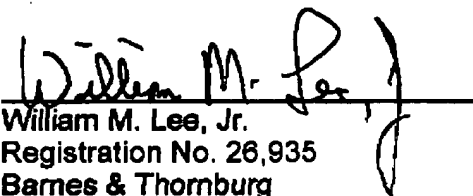
The applicant proposes a minor amendment to claim 2 at line 7 thereof to replace the term "structures" by the term "structure" thus correcting a syntax error that was overlooked when previously amending this claim.

The Examiner's rejection of claim 17 has been considered. By way of a response, applicant has amended claim 17 to replace the feature that credits are assigned to the TDM data structure at a predetermined rate to now read that credits are assigned to the data structure in accordance with the size of said data structure thus rendering this claim consistent with allowed independent claims 2 & 10.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is now in order for allowance, and such action is therefore solicited.

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